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Waco Girl

WACO GIRL

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It was down around bout Waco town I usto live and dwell It was down around bout Waco town I owned a fouring mill.

I fell in love with a Waco girl With dark and rolling eyes I ask her if she'd marry me And me she would dispise.

I called on her at her sister's house At 8 o'clock one night I ask her if she'd walk with me And view the meadow so bright.

We walked along and we talked along Till we came to level ground I picked up a stick of heg wood And stroked the poor girl down down.

She fell on her bending knees Oh mercy me she cried Oh Willie my dear don't murder me here For I'm not prepared to die.

I paid a little attention to what she said Of course I stroke her more I stroke and I stroke her Till the ground was a bloody core.

I wound my hand in her dark brown hair And drug her round and round I drug her down to the water side And threw her in to drown.

I went back to my mother's house At 12 o'clock that night My mother was awakened An' in awful fright.

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Oh son, oh son, what have you done To bloody your hands and clothes The answer that I gave her Was bleeding at the nose.

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I called for a handkerchief To bind my weary head And also a candle To light me off to bed.

I kicked I rolled I trembled down No comfort could I find The flames of hell all around me Right in my eyes it did shine.

Bout three weeks or later The Waco girl was found A floating down the waters Who ran thru Waco town.

They taken me on suspicion They locked me up in jail I had no one to comfort me No one to go my bail.

Her sister swore against me She swore my life away She swore I was the very young lad That taken her sister away.

Oh Lord they're going to hang me The death I hate to die Oh Lord they're going to hang me Between this earth and skies.